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Mayor speaks out....

INSIDE...THE EYE REACHES THE STORIES OTHER PAPERS CANNOT REACH!

SHORT FUSE

Want to know how to get paid for being rude to the staff of a T.V. station? Ask DONALD THORPE, the newly elected STALYBRIDGE TORY councillor....

DONALD THORPE's name is mud at GRANADA Television. Recently the disagreeable DONALD was asked in by GRANADA REPORTS - the evening news round-up. He had threatened to withdraw his kids from school if CND are allowed in to tell them how to avoid oblivion. Arriving early DONALD tried to put his motor in the GRANADA car park. But he'd got no authorisation so the Security man would not let him in. DONALD blew a fuse - after all he was a very important visitor. He insisted the man should ring the Producer-who had to send someone down to sort the

rumpus out. So by the time our DONALD got to the studio, his temper tantrum was known to all and sundry. As a matter of course, he'll be paid for his appearance on the programme.

Needless to say, DONALD's got it all wrong as usual. CND have only asked to be allowed to supply an information pack and speakers on the impending nuclear doom to those schools which request them.

Maggie's Savings

WHO PAYS THOUSANDS OF POUNDS INTO TORY PARTY COFFERS??? YOU DO, OF COURSE,...

Each time you chomp on a biscuit, lounge on a sofa, or have a quick game of bingo, you could be contributing to CONSERVATIVE PARTY FUNDS.
On the biscuit front, HUNTLEY & PALMER recently gave the TORIES £5,000 , whilst STAG FURNITURE chipped in £4,000. The RANK ORGANISATION, whose cinemas and bingo halls are evidently pleased at the extra leisure time we all have, hit the jackpot with £30,000. Just behind were SUN ALLIANCE, trying to insure TORY success with £28,000. And those with a sweet tooth - as they sink that tonic or crunch into a 'fruit and nut' - may care to note that CADBURY SCHWEPPES poured £15,000 into MAGGIE's little savings account.
She is, of course, saving up for the next General Election, when SAATCHI and SAATCHI will once again blow it all on another attempt to persuade voter that - despite all the evidence - MAGGIE is human.

Mobile Homes

EYE is preparing a story on a TAMESIDE Mobile Home site about which we have received an anonymous letter. Our investigations so far suggest that the matter of Mobile Home dwellers' rights should be the subject of an EYE probe. If you live or have lived on a residential Mobile Home site, and you think you have a story to tell, or a grievance to air, write to us at P.O. box 30, Hyde, SK14 3JL, and mark your envelope 'Mobile Homes'. Remember, we NEVER reveal our sources.

Bash the Rat

CLLR. MARK HUNTER, one of DROYLSDEN's Liberal duo is still sore about PETER JEPSON's defection from the Liberal ranks. JEPSON was an unsuccessful Labour candidate for DROYLSDEN in the May elections this year.

HUNTER came up to the TAMESIDE EYE stall at the recent CANALS FESTIVAL to have a go on our "Bash-the-rat" game. Asked to name his rat, he replied: 'PETER JEPSON'. We're not sure of the sig - nificance, but he missed.

Puppet Poopers

Imagine the scene at the recent TAMESIDE CANAL FESTIVAL - in the midst of all those tedious pot-bellied bores from C.A.M.R.A. sampling gallon after gallon of 'real'ales with names like 'Old Goolies Special Gnat-Piss Bitter' - there was one little jewel of innocence: a crowd of about 60 children eagerly awaiting the start of their puppet show But just as it was about to start a sad-faced clown announced that they'd have to wait another ten minutes. Gasps of disappointment. And why the delay? The festival organisers didn't want the kiddies' laughter to disturb the mind-bogglingly tedious opening speeches being made by a gaggle of dreary VIP's including SIR GEORGE 'OLD ROPE' KENYON J.P. and ROBERT 'DEAR FIDO' SHELDON M.P.

Next year we suggest that the organisers avoid this problem by letting the VIP's deliver their opening speeches from inside the puppet booth. Thus allowing MR PUNCH to wack them on the head when they go on too long.

Watchdog

ANDY FOGG son of DENTON COUNCILLOR DENNIS, failed to gain a seat for LABOUR off the TORIES in the May elections. For this crime, he has now been condemned *'to listen regularly'* to PICCADILLY RADIO and - worse still- attend quarterly meetings to discuss the awful racket he heard. Poor ANDY has been appointed by TAMESIDE COUNCIL to a 'Local Advisory Committee' for 'Independant Local Radio.' He'll also have the company of STALYBRIDGE Cllr.KEN WILKINSON.
What has he done to deserve such a fate ?

All Aboard

We have nothing but praise for TAMESIDE NUPE members raising £3,000 per year to give young people trips aboard an ocean-going yacht.

But their complaints that nobody has applied to go on the outings are a bit thin. Youth workers have complained to EYE that no publicity has gone out about the scheme. Come on NUPE: if the young people don't get any application forms, they can't apply. Whoever's in charge of the publicity should get their finger out.

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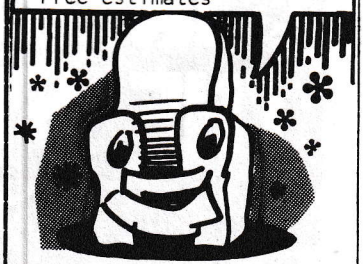

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Filter Trip

EYE's "when will they ever learn" dept. brings you more news of TAMESIDE's kamikaze aviator, LEON "BIGGLES" HOWARD. Folks at the recent PENNINE FESTIVAL were flocking like lemmings to LEON's 'Helico' joyrides stall, forking out £7. for a three minute ride in his unpredictable chopper Observers noted that the machine was being refuelled from drums on the back of a Volkswagen pickup. However following the adverse report on the inadequate fuelling arrangements that caused last year's crash at TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL, he word FILTER was prominently displayed for the reassurance of customers. *For those who've forgotten, the crash was attributed to unfiltered fuel.*

Missing Sid

What part did LADY CHRISTINE KENYON, TAMESIDE DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN (sic), play in the sacking of the REGIONAL CHAIRMAN - SIR SIDNEY HAMBURGER?
In a classic hatchet job, the GOVERNMENT recently got rid of one of their critics. For SIR SID was fully behind the NHS unions in their pay dispute - this despite him being on the *Management* side. But a letter to the NHS Minister, sent by SIR SIDNEY before he was given the boot, stated that all the NORTH WEST DISTRICT CHAIRMEN supported the Health Workers pay claim.
This seems somewhat unlikely in the case of TAMESIDE - LADY CHRISTINE is a leading local TORY.

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Unmilitant Robert

Trouble is brewing in ASHTON M.P. ROBERT SHELDON's Constituency Labour Party. For BOB is all in favour of the "Registration" proposals, the latest in a long line of attempts to get rid of the MILITANT group. But the local party are against the move. BOB clashed with local activists last year over the TONY BENN election. This latest clash could prove more tense. MILITANT got 35 people to a Public Meeting, at the GEORGE HOTEL, HYDE, recently.

Teeming in Oldham

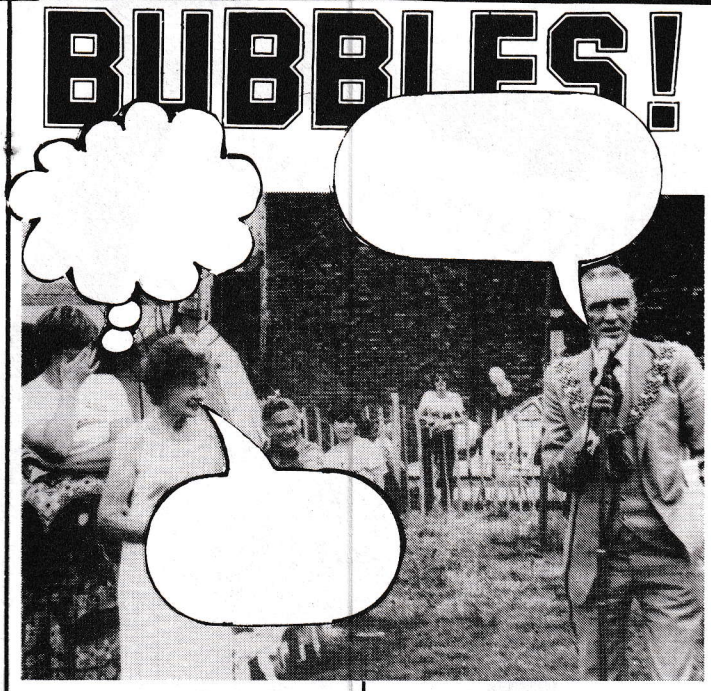
"There's always someone worse off than yourself"
If you thought Messrs. GRANTHAM, THORPE, and BELL were bad, you should listen in to OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL meetings. Last month, local Govt. unions pressed O.M.B. for assurances that homosexuals would have equal employment opportunities in the Borough.
This roused councillor JOHN CURRAN to declare that homosexuals should be consigned to deep dark pits- and one of his colleagues expressed his fear that OLDHAM's corridors of power would be teeming with homosexuals "widening their circle of acquaintances".
Gosh!

Mystic Bank

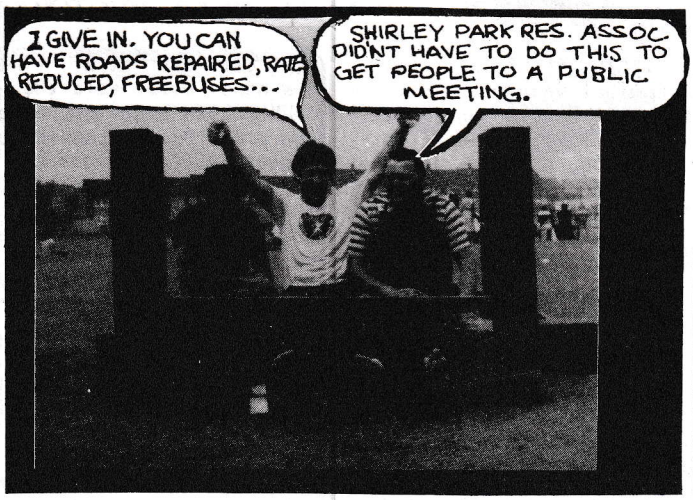
If you're passing the ASHTON or GLOSSOP branch of LLOYDS BANK see if there are any Reds lurking under the counter. For this bastion of the establishment is sending school kids - one a Manchester girl- to *Communist China* for an 'educational holiday.'

But after we'd read their gushing press release, we breathed more easily. Chairman MAO - no mention; Cultural Revolution - never heard of it. The kids are merely going to see the 'fascinating culture' of a 'mystical country.' Phew !

BUBBLES!



LAST MONTHS's BUBBLES winner is Peter Jenkins of 41 Millbrook Ave, Denton He receives 12 Months Free TAMESIDE EYE for his suggestion for the Stocks. This Month we invite readers to put words in the mouth of the Mayor , PHIL WARNE, and Euro M.P., Barbara Castle.ENTRIES by 25th August, Please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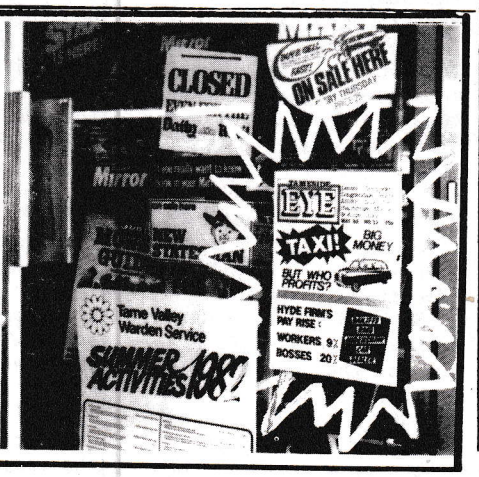

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

Worries over cut-price paint contract

COUNCILLORS are worried about a large painting and repair contract on council homes at Langley, Middleton — the cost is too low.

By A STAFF REPORTER

The lowest tender for the job, submitted to Manchester's direct works committee was more than £100,000 cheaper than the nearest rival quote.

And councillors were told that the quote did not take account of up to £40,000 more work which had been omitted from the tender.

Yet even when the mistake was pointed out, the firm, Wrigley's Construction Ltd. gave an assurance it could complete the contract for its original costing of just over £300,000.

The city's director of works, Mr Richard Munday, said: "In view of the known discrepancies it is possible that a high level of supervision will be required on the contract."

And committee chairman Coun Paul Murphyy, accepting the tender, said: "We'll be keeping a very, very careful eye on this job."

£300,000

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN !

Our old pal, Mossley businessman ROBERT WRIGLEY, dormer builder turned demolition man, has put his oar in Manchester City Councils affairs. In the wake of his succesful undercutting tender for the 'improvements' at GREENFIELD's TORY Club, he has put in the lowest tender for a painting and repair job at Langley, Middleton (see cutting). Only trouble is, the council had missed £40,000 worth of work off the contract! ROBERT has promised to complete the job for £300,000 as agreed.

Could this be connected in any way with some recent annoyance among GREENFIELD Tory Club members about men being taken off the club's 'improvements' and moved to another job?

Following the piece in last month's EYE on the voluntary liquidation of ROBERT WRIGLEY LTD., EYE sources suggest that the main reasons for this were the enormous liability of demolishing the duff dormers and some unspecified upset over the departure of an ex-director. (Possibly LESLIE GRIMSDITCH of Park Bridge Ashton or WRIGLEY's estranged wife HILARY).

TIVERTON PLACE

IN MARCH, COUNCILLORS PERCY TRAVIS, JIMMY EASON, AND TOM MARSDEN ASKED ASDA TO SEAL OFF A GATE INTO THEIR ASHTON SUPERMARKET CAR PARK. THEY ARE NOW REGRETTING THEY EVER GOT INVOLVED.

TIVERTON PLACE is a small imaginative new COUNCIL HOUSING development, situated off WILSHAW LANE in WATERLOO, ASHTON - just behind the ASDA supermarket. When ASDA opened, they put a gate in the fence adjoining WATERMILL COURT, a small cul-de-sac off TIVERTON. The old people living on TIVERTON have various physical difficulties, like blindness and heart trouble. They enjoyed the quicker, flatter route to ASDA, down WATERMILL and across the quiet staff car park. The alternative is three times the distance, and through the busy car entrance. A threat, they claim, to their independence.

In March, WATERMILL residents complained to PERCY, TOM, and JIM, of noise and disturbance at night, due to the gate. The gate was closed off permanently.

But then the outcry from TIVERTON commenced.

This is what TIVERTON residents say happened:

*MRS. WARD wrote to MR. W. WILKINSON in the LEGAL section of the COUNCIL. His first reply said a clause in ASDA's lease gave the residents of TIVERTON a "right of access" to the ASDA Car Park "at all times" His next letter said the COUNCILLORS had "instructed the DIRECTOR of PLANNING to request ASDA to close off the access". She rang PERCY TRAVIS for an explanation, but he got so fed up he askher "Why don't you get on other Councillors backs instead of harrassing me?"

*MR. BOLTON got onto Cllr. JACK PETTIT who made the sensible suggestion that the gate should be open only if ASDA was.

* MRS. SILCOCK had a row with both TOMMY MARSDEN and JIMMY EASON. She felt they didn't understand how much old people need their independence.

There have been petitions and ballots (which TIVERTON residents say they never got the papers for). Now the talk is of the OMBUDSMAN who should look into why the decision never went through PLANNING COMMITTEE.

EYE spoke to TOM MARSDEN: "I'm not worried about the incovenience"to shoppers,he said.People must be able to sleep at night. As Founder Chairman of WATERLOO OLD PEOPLE's WELFARE, he felt it was all a mistake:"The gate shouldn't have been there in the first place".

CHEAT 'EM

MR. WOLFENDEN of the ESTATE AGENTS, CHEETHAM & SONS, claims to have known ALICE TAYLOR of HOLLAND ST. DENTON for a long time. Long enough, in fact, to continue to accept payment for rent and rates from her for a house declared unfit for human habitation by TAMESIDE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. For over six months after the closing order was slapped on the house.

The conditions ALICE was living in during this time were appalling:

* *A single gas jet for cooking*
* *No pipes, no cistern on the toilet*
* *Having to dispose of her 'waste' down the kitchen sink*
* *The kitchen sink waste pipe broken, leaving the kitchen floor awash*

At 72, perhaps ALICE is entitled to better treatment by a man who has known her for many years. And who said in an interview in The Reporter: " I don't want her to suffer".

CHEETHAM AND SONS are to be found on HYDE ROAD, DENTON. As far as EYE can tell, (we got no reply when we rang), MR. WOLFENDEN recently put up the rent on ALICE's home, to cover the latest rates increase.

TAMESIDE COUNCIL claim that they have not been able to re-house her in this period due to the lack of suitable accomodation. But given that the COMMUNITY PHYSICIAN, DR. DAVIES, (the post that was called MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH), has visited ALICE and seen for himself, the question remains why no priority was put on sorting out ALICE's horrific problem?

Ratbag

We were shocked to receive this letter making scurrilous allegations about that saintly man ERIC ROTHWELL, of ROTHWELL's GALLERIES, Stalybridge.

Exploit

ERIC a local J.P. and Chairman of the Citizens Advice Bureau is surely not the type of chap who would exploit young people in the way this letter suggests.

60p an hour

As a local magistrate his sense of justice could not have allowed him to pay a boy of 16 the miserly sum of 60p an hour; why, that's less than LEONARD BRADBURY's of MOSSLEY (90p an hour, see EYE 34) ! ERIC's firm are official County Court Bailiffs and ERIC himself ~~is a~~ Director of ASHTON STAMFORD BUILDING SOCIETY, along with ASHBRIDGE INVESTMENTS LTD. He didn't get where he is today by paying young lads a pittance, or perhaps he did ?

Dear Tameside Eye,

My sixteen year old nephew, desperate for a job, was taken on by Mr. Eric Rothwell of 'Rothwells Galleries' to carry furniture, sweep up etc.
Mr. Rothwell was difficult to pin down on whether the post was permanent or not, though he accepted the lads employment cards after the first week. He worked his, er, socks off for three weeks, nine to mostly after five for five days and nine to about four on Saturdays.
His money was paid into his hands, no wage slip or packet, the princely sum of £25 a week.
Mr. Rothwell decided to finish the lad last night, he gave another young slave the job of telling him he wasn't needed any longer.
Isn't Rothwell a Magistrate or something? A fine upstanding pillar of the community?

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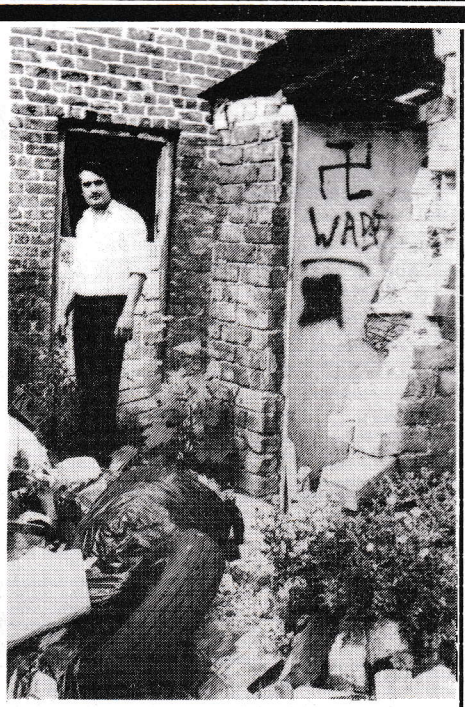

PARVEEN and NASEER AHMED, of KELVIN STREET, ASHTON, are still waiting for ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT. to clear out the big piles of rubbish behind their house. This is one month after a local newspaper reported how they have been caught in a "Home Improvements" trap.

The AHMED family have been "temporarily" re-housed in a Council-owned property, whilst their own home is improved. Sandwiched between derelict houses, the AHMEDs have been there since before Christmas.
NASEER, shown surrounded by the rubbish a TAMESIDE official promised to have shifted, feels he has received a rough deal. He argues that if his had been a white family, in similar circumstances, they would have been put in better accomodation. For their part TAMESIDE claim there are no other properties available. But that's no excuse for the rotting garbage.

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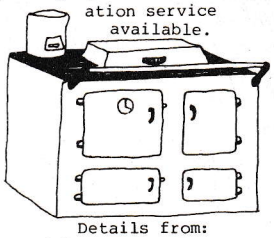

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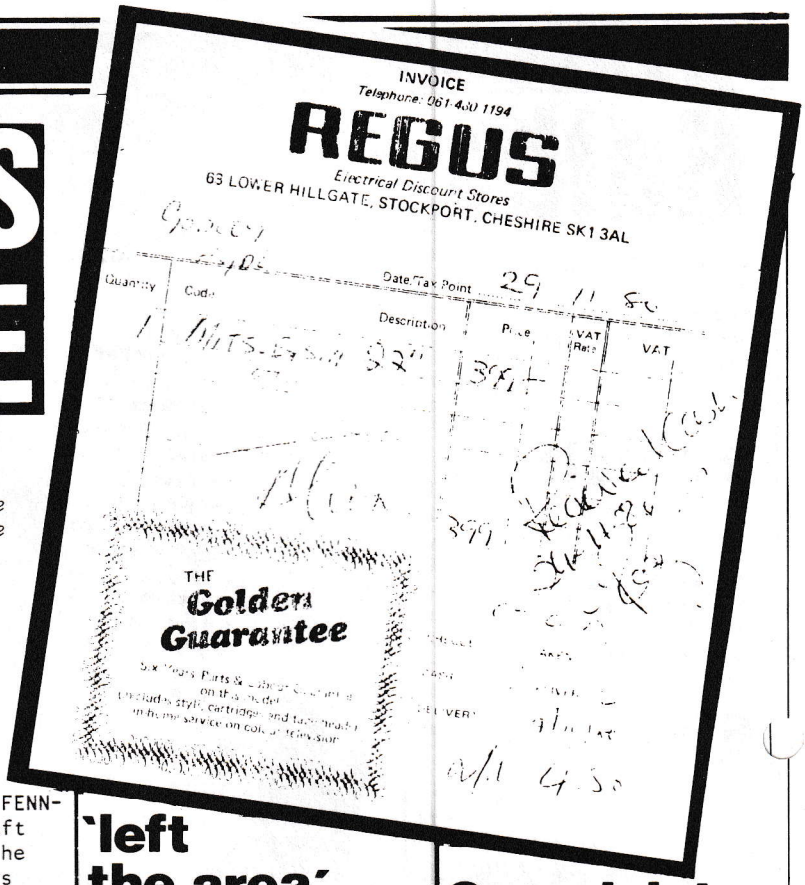
WORTHLESS GUARANTEE

When a HYDE couple wanted a new colour television, they chose to buy it from the STOCKPORT Branch of "REGUS" - an electrical discount chain owned by one A. FENNESSEY. But he's vanished and REGUS have gone bust, leaving the HYDE couple along with thousands of others in the North West, with a worthless six-year guarantee.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THE Golden Guarantee

With unemployment looming, a HYDE couple, who prefer not to be named, decided to try and cut their weekly bills. They felt it would be better to use up savings and buy a Colour Television, rather than get one on H.P. or rental.

Guarantee

At the time, a firm called REGUS ELECTRICAL DISCOUNT STORES were mounting a big advertising campaign on TV. For REGUS were promoting their *"GOLDEN GUARANTEE - Six Years Parts & Labour"*. Along with many others, the HYDE couple were convinced by this promise. They bought a 22" Mitsubishi for £399, a top price back in 1980. But earlier this year the STOCKPORT Branch of REGUS closed. An ominous note appeared in the MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS of 17th May, saying MR. A. FENNESSEY - trading as REGUS - appeared to have ceased trading.

£650,000!

EYE has now learnt he went under owing creditors over £650,000.
But the HYDE couple only found out that their Six Year Guarantee had become worthless, when one of MR. FENNESSEY's creditors sent them a letter.
SOUND AND VISION SERVICES, a TV repairers from MIDDLETON, wondered if they would like to take out a Service Contract for their TV.

SOUND AND VISION are just one of the many firms who were left high and dry by FENNESSEY. Others include household names, like GRUNDIG and DECCA. In total, these "Trade Creditors" are owed £565,771 by REGUS.

Receiver

When the crunch came, FENNESSEY found himself left with only the clothes he stood in. The creditors were threatening him with personal bankruptcy. But FENNESSEY agreed instead to assign all his assets to a Receiver - a MR. LOMAS from MANCHESTER-based Chartered Accountants POPPLETON AND APPLEBY.

When EYE asked MR. LOMAS for details, he revealed that FENNESSEY had struck up an extraordinary deal with some of the manufacturers.

FENNESSEY had been able to get cheaper supplies of TV sets from GRUNDIG, by agreeing to take them WITHOUT the Manufacturer's guarantee!

Since the collapse MR.LOMAS has been able to persuade GRUNDIG's and DECCA to honour the guarantee in the normal way.

Taxman First

MR. LOMAS told EYE that the Preferential Creditors (e.g. the Inland Revenue), who are owed £82,500, and those whose credit was secured on property (such as the H.P. firms who put up cash on vehicles), will all be paid.

Next in line, are the Trade Creditors, for whom, MR. LOMAS commented, "things are not looking good". Which makes it a near certainty that the HYDE pair will not get any money back on the by now faded Golden Guarantee.

'left the area'

EYE tried to contact MR. A. FENNESSEY at his last known address - the Hotel he used to own. But the telephone no longer works at HUNTERS LODGE in BROXTON, a village outside CHESTER. FENNESSEY is reported to have "left the area".

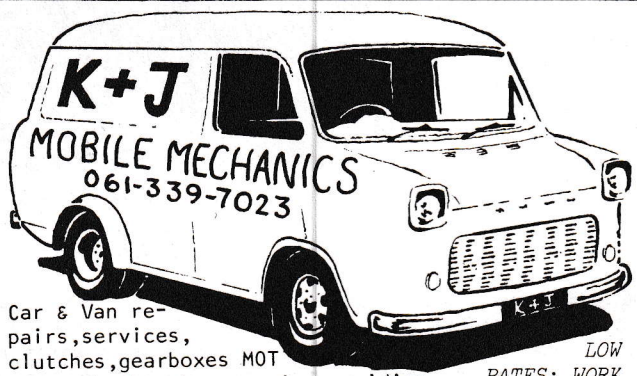
Ltd. Company

Before REGUS collapsed, he made a last-ditch attempt to patch up his affairs. After over five years of trading without setting up a Limited Company, he registered REGUS ELECTRICAL STORES LIMITED in Autumn 1981. But it never traded.

Complaints

Overall, FENNESSEY never concerned himself with the small print. He never had membership of the Trade Association - leaving his customers unprotected. Since REGUS collapsed the officers of the GREATER MANCHESTER TRADING STANDARDS have been inundated with complaints and enquiries.

Now EDWIN P. LEES has bought up the REGUS outlets, and is keeping on some of the staff. But the HYDE couple will have to make their own minds up on the Service Contract. However, chasing FENNESSEY through the Court will be a waste of time and money.



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It is a matter for genuine public concern when there is a major contamination of the water supply. But the attitude of the NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY was less than co-operative in one such incident in June. Householders received *no* explanation for the putrid smell coming out of their taps. Yet one EYE reader from GODLEY, HYDE, rang us to say that the TOOTAL NEWTON BANK Printworks - very dependent on clean water - had already been informed of the problem by the NWAA.

RUMOURS

Many rumours have circulated as to exactly what went wrong. EYE undertands the trouble started when a fish-farm, or fish-stocked, reservoir had to be emptied or lowered, for "operational reasons". The reservoir in question appears to have been in LONGDENDALE. A senior official, loathe to see so much water poured in the local stream, ordered it to be put into the main drinking supply instead.

RUNS

The cost was obvious and immediate. The domestic supply gave some people the "runs". Unconfirmed sources suggest that production in certain local firms was hit: WALLS MEAT factory in HYDE, and ROBERTSONS jam factory in DROYLSDEN had to get rid of contaminated food products. The Board itself had to put expensive chemicals in the water supply to make the system clean again.

CYNICAL

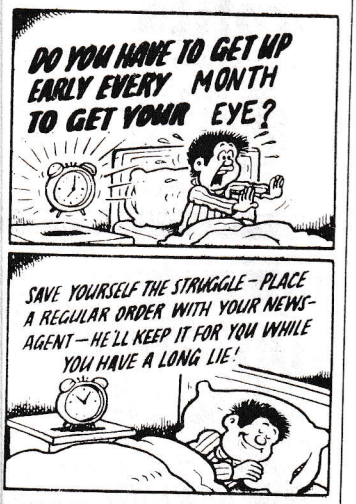
But water workers EYE spoke to are cynical about the likely outcome of the internal inquiry now being held. For a start, a senior personnel officer, who is based at the NWAA's OAKLAND HOUSE, denied there even is an inquiry taking place: JOHN MONAGHAN genuinely did not seem to know about it.

QUESTIONED

However, another senior officer, a MR. QUAYLE, who used to be based at BOTTOM'S YARD in TINTWISTLE and now works from an office in PETERSGATE, STOCKPORT, is likely to be one of those closely questioned at the inquiry.

INCOMPETENCE

EYE hopes that "water ratespayers" will demand that the results of the Inquiry are made public. Those in charge should be brought to book for what - at best - can only be described as incompetence.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TRICKY

METCALFE, wily boss of TAMESIDE COUNCIL's PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, has survived various threats to his DEPARTMENT's existence. LABOUR election promises to rid the Borough of the whole unit have not been carried out. But an EYE reader has a few tips on how he does it...

METCALFE's main approach is to "blind 'em with Science" - based on the fact that Councillors are given far too many papers to read at each Committee meeting they attend.

In 1978 - 79 METCALFE carried out what is now known as a "restructuring" of his Department. By sleight of hand his staff came out with more money; yet - *on paper* - he showed Councillors a saving!

It seems the trick is to manipulate the gradings. A Council Department's establishment is calculated each year by costing the *mid-point* of the salary scale for each post. In reality, the person in post will be paid more (or less) than the mid-point. METCALFE worked out that it was possible to downgrade some posts without reducing the individuals' pay. As a result the mid-point for that post was lowered. So - surprise, surprise - METCALFE could now demonstrate he had made a saving.

INCREASE

With this "saving" he then upgraded four lucky staff to PRINCIPAL OFFICER level. The Councillors were thus able to pass a report that showed a saving. *But the net wage bill of the section actually increased!*

We could go on, but other METCALFE survival techniques have already been documented in previous issues of the EYE. They included saving your skin by cashing in on the huge grants available from the MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION to put young unemployed on "training schemes".

NEXT MONTH: EYE reports on how METCALFE manages to get every Council Department except his own to leave vacancies unfilled.

Community Routes

At a loose end?
Got some spare time?

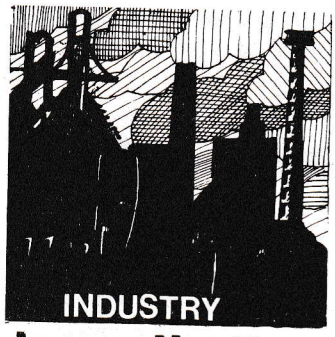
PLEASE HELP!

Community Routes is looking for volunteers
-to drive our community minibuses
-to help with HIPPO, our inflatables team.
-and, when we've got one, to drive our Mini-taxi, designed specially to carry someone in their wheelchair, accompanied by a friend.

Ring straightaway (24 hour telephone) or call in.

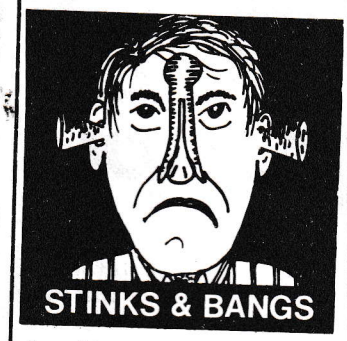
Tel....366 9988

2/3 Kingston Arcade. Hattersley.
Hyde. Cheshire SK14 3RD.



James North 15% rise in profits

BARRIE STEPHENS - the top boss of HYDE glove factory JAMES NORTH arrived in style on one of his recent weekly visits travelling in a Rolls. NORTH's is part of the SIEBE GORMAN group, and BARRIE STEPHENS must already have known the group had turned in a pre-tax profit of £4.04 million, 15% up on the year before. After he left, more were made redundant and many are now on a 3 or 4 day week. Orders are looking bad. Last month's bosses golfing spree at the ROYAL WENTWORTH COURSE coupled with false rumours that STEPHENS was due to land in a helicopter on Nelson Street Playing Fields have left shop-floor morale very low.



A prize parade of polluters this month, and a special mention for SENIOR SERVICE of HYDE who are testing yet another piece of odour control equipment.

MANRO PRODUCTS of STALYBRIDGE, reliably referred to by Fire Service sources, as Stalybridge's biggest fire risk have been putting forth noxious vapours as yet un-identified.

And, back in HYDE, BRUNNSCHEWILER (UK) LTD. have been getting up local noses following a recent plant breakdown.

Music loving shoppers of ASHTON have had enough of the raucous disco beat put forth by Unisex boutique DAVID & CHOHANN, and legal action may be taken to force them to tune into Radio 3, or play Moira Anderson L.P.'s.

It seems there's trouble at t'Magistrates court in Dukinfield where dust has been troubling the locals. No, they havn't been dusting off the Magistrates, it's the sandblasting of the building that's caused the fuss.

Finally, 'STINKS AND BANGS' just wouldn't be the same without BOWER GRINDING of MICKLEHURST, MOSSLEY. They've been reported yet again for their revolting stink, despite a wigging by local beaks and an order to pay the crippling sum of £70 costs!

NUPE Red faces

Red faces all round at Civic House in ASHTON, the brand new red brick home of NUPE, the public sector manual workers union. For local full-time official MIKE RAWCLIFFE has put his foot in it. In a most unbrotherly display, he recently opposed council recognition of another trades union. But he'd got his facts wrong. He claimed the union in question, CYWU - the Community and Youth Workers Union did not have its members' salaries and conditions of work negotiated by a national committee.

GRAHAM COLBOURNE Chairperson of the local CYWU Branch says this is quite incorrect. He's written to NUPE asking for support, pointing out that CYWU is the only union with the expertise to represent youth and community workers. But, the combination of Senior Officers dragging their feet and Labour councillors lack of interest is making CYWU's fight for recognition very frustrating.

EYE
INFORMATION SERVICE
TEL. 366 0382
PO BOX 30 HYDE, CHES.

MAGNET RIVALS

Local Builders' Merchants G.R.HULLOCK LIMITED of CRESCENT ROAD, DUKINFIELD, must be looking across the road at rivals MAGNET AND SOUTHERNS LIMITED with some anxiety.

For MAGNET's CHAIRMAN and CHIEF EXECUTIVE, SAM OXFORD has just announced a pre-tax profit of £19.1 million (only slightly down on last year). MAGNET provide Joinery to the building trade too.

Unlike the rest of the UK Timber Industry MAGNET AND SOUTHERNS are the only firm making any profit at all, with housing starts in both the public and private sectors so low.

HULLOCK's DIRECTORS will be wondering what MAGNET's secret is. GEORGE and PAULINE HULLOCK featured in EYE 16, when we detailed their anti-social activities on "The Mudd" above MOTTRAM VILLAGE.

Labour Research Department
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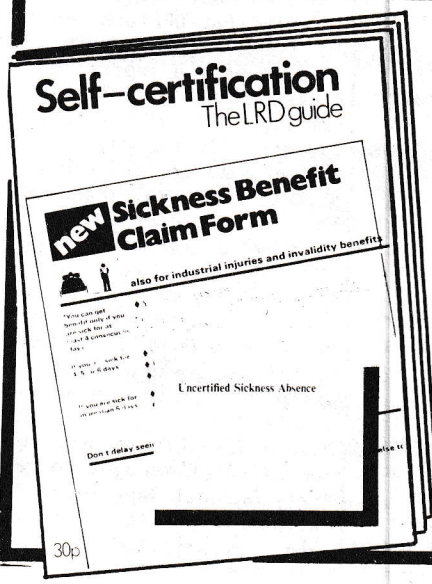


Since the 14th June your Doctor has not had to give you a Sick Note, unless you have been sick for more than a week.

This booklet explains the new Form and new Procedure for claiming National Insurance sickness benefit. It also looks at the effects of the new self-certification rule on workplace sick schemes.

43pence(inc. p+p)

New Agent

Preparations for the next general election are under way in ASHTON constituency Labour party. Right now they are choosing the next Agent for Local M.P. ROBERT SHELDON. The current C.L.P.Secretary DICK ELLIS - in a break with tradition - is trying to avoid the job. EYE understands LES GREENHOUGH an ASHTON coun - cillor is one of those nominated. If LES can put a stop to all those excruciating letters SHELDON writes to local dogs (see last months EYE) he's got our vote.

The New Boy

PHIL WARNE, DROYLSDEN's new addition to a short line of illustrious TAMESIDE Mayors, hasn't quite got the hang of chairing council meetings yet. Recently, after a vote, PHIL declared: 'Carried unanimously.' But then, as an afterthought, he added: 'Or near enough.' This was greeted with gales of laughter. New boy PHIL giggled into his chain of office. But later in the same meeting, PHIL foolishly tried to get councillors to stick to the point and stop waffling. He should have known better. If it's one thing councillors of all opinion like doing it's talking. They sternly over-ruled him with words like 'freedom' bouncing round the council chamber. PHIL needn't have worried, in any case. They finished in good time for him to nip home and watch the football.

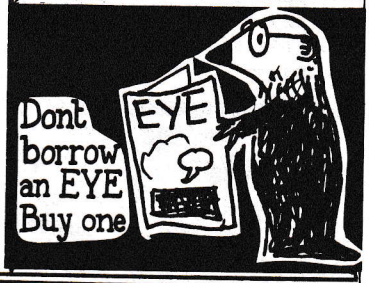
Nought Out Of Ten

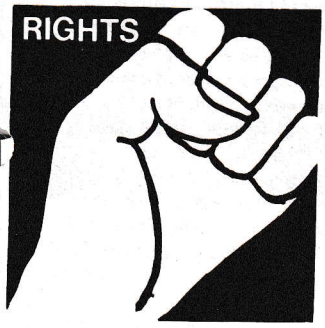
Failed educationalist, Cllr DONALD THORPE has only been back on council two months and already - as TORY spokes man on Education he's the one everyone loves to hate. His latest authoritative pronouncement was.'We're not educating our pupils properly or in the correct subjects.'
But Tameside residents havn't had much appetite for what DONALD regards as proper and correct.
Here at the EYE we distinctly remember DONALD's disastrous attempt to set up a private fee - paying school in TAMESIDE only two years ago.

Colin's Nuts

GEE CROSS Councillor COLIN GRANTHAM a recent newcomer to the TORY back-benches came close to *startling revelations* at full council.

During the inevitable slanging match over CND being allowed in schools, he referred scathingly to "some of the Nuts in CND." Asked to name them COLIN switched his verbal assault to "some nuts amongst local headteachers" who will invite CND into their schools.
But, then he remembered there was a law about slander so, sadly, EYE cannot name COLIN's nuts.
Education Chairman GLYN FORD put the nutty COLIN in his place. There'd been no nuts appointed Head under LABOUR, GLYN declared in his usual dry manner. Therefore COLIN must know who these nuts are - he'd given them their jobs!





Supplementary Benefit and Students...

Students or young people who go to school and want to claim Supplementary Benefit, will be either in full time education or part time education.
If you are in full time education, and are under 19, you can't usually claim Supplementary Benefit. The law actually states that you can't claim Supplementary Benefit if you are receiving 'Relevant Education'; this means a school or college which teaches subjects up to "A" level.

At the end of the holidays after you have left school you can claim Supplementary Benefit:-

a. If you leave at Christmas, you can claim on the first Monday in Jan.
b. If you leave at Easter, you can claim on the first Monday after Easter Monday.
c. If you leave in June you can claim on the first Monday in September.

However you can claim if:-
1. You are a single parent.
2. You're disabled and you havn't much chance of getting a job.
3. You're an orphan and have no-one acting as your parents.
4. You don't live with parents or guardian or are estranged from them.

If you qualified for Supplementary Benefit whilst at school because you are one of the above, you can get paid earlier in the summer school holidays after you've left.

If you are in Higher Education you can claim Supplementary Benefit during the long vacation. However if you are involved in 1-3 below you can claim during term-time as well.

1. You're a single parent
2. You're disabled and unlikely to get a job in a reasonable time.
3. You live with someone who has been ill, or who has a child.

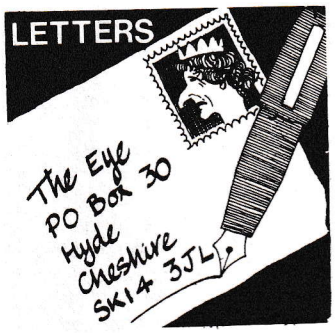
If you're in part time education you would be entitled to Supplementary Benefit if the course is for less than 21 hours a week and,

a. You can leave the course at any time if a suitable job comes up.

b. You havn't given up a job or left school to go on the course; and

c. You are under 21, or if you are over 21 you must have been signing on for 12 months or more and have been receiving Supplementary Benefit before the course began.

REMEMBER: IF IN DOUBT CLAIM IT'S THE EASIEST WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE ENTITLED TO.



Nosey parker

Dear Eye,

I read with interest the letter, in last month's edition concerning the profit made by the EYE. Whilst I am satisfied by the answers you have given concerning the allocation of the cover price, I noted with interest the advertisement rates on the back page.

By my calculation the July edition contained over £40 worth of advertisements.
Although you have convincingly justified the expenditure of your other income, I would be pleased to hear where the £40 odd goes to (perhaps services rendered on business men's lunches at the Dacca).

Yours Expectantly,
S. RAWLINSON (MR)
162 Dowson Rd., Hyde.

EYE REPLY:

We'd be pleased to hear where it goes to too! Ever since our Chief Cashier, E.R. BARRA - CLOUGH (no relation) resigned in a hurry last Autumn, we've been getting mysterious post cards from the sunnier and more relaxing parts of the globe. Meanwhile, we fend off creditors with the piddling sums raised through advertising. So, sad to relate, our trade with the Dacca is rather slack at present, and likely to remain so.

Hypnosis

DEAR TAMESIDE EYE

We are at present getting material together for our next issue of our magazine *MINDFIELD*.

We want to give as much space as possible to those on the receiving end of treatment and for our next issue we are having a look at hypnosis.

We would like to hear from anyone who has been treated by this - just a short letter - what for, how long the treatment lasted, the cost, how good it was, any details you can remember about the method the hypnotist used, and any other opinions and conclusions you arrived at.

We will publish about five or six contributions without names or personal details of course, and this will help other people who are thinking of trying hypnosis.

Most articles on treatment only include the opinions of the people administering it, which doesn't tell the whole story. In future issues we will look at other forms of alternative medicine, including homeopathy, meditation and more conventional ones such as ECT, so we look forward to hearing from people on any of the above.

Yours sincerely,

ESTELLE BENINSON
Manchester Assoc. for Mental Health,
102 Manchester Rd.
Chorlton, M/cr.M21 1PQ

UPDATE...

LAST MONTH THERE WERE SEVERAL EYE STORIES WITH NO ENDING. HERE, IN A NEW SECTION, WE PRINT WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.....

No action on damp flat

VIOLET KIDD, the Hattersley woman who won a court battle with her landlord-MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL-has *not* been re-housed. This is despite an undertaking by MANCHESTER's Barrister, in Court, to do so in seven days. That promise was made on June 16th. MANCHESTER made VIOLET an 'offer' six days late, on June 29th. It was another high-rise flat, and like her existing one - *it was damp*. She turned this down and has been offered nothing since. *If a solicitor had made such a promise in court, he would have been hauled before the Law Society by now and asked to explain his failure to honour his undertaking.*

Successful appeal

SANDRA JOHNSON,'the single mother separated from her three year old child by a senseless jail sentence, actually *won* her appeal against the sentence. The fourteen days jail was set aside and she was put on probation. *But by the time the appeal was heard she had already served half of the sentence on remand*, as the TAMESIDE magistrates had refused bail. The appeal Judge hinted that the Clerk of the Court had not 'advised' our three local worthies on the bench very well.

Bus pass

On a more cheerful note, MR. CROWTHER from STALYBRIDGE who wrote about delays in getting his essential bus pass has now got the pass - four weeks late.

Hallo Readers!

Hello readers. What a sorry state the Church is in these dark days, what with all this talk of women priests and the Archbishop of Canterbury hobnobbing with the Pope. Now I read of a crazed cleric in ASHTON, The Rev. Jonathan Clatworthy of St. Peters, who holds services for animals. It seems anything goes in the rush to fill the collection plate.
An acquaintance of mine who had happened to pop into St. Peters to claim sanctuary from a pursuing turf accountant was shocked to discover that what he had taken for a prayer cushion was something quite different, which proved almost impossible to remove from **his** trousers. His hymn book was torn from his grasp by a goat which had already devoured all but the covers of the book of Common Prayer. Where is it all leading. One can forsee a time when women will be terrified of having their babies christened because of alligators in the font! Will vicars offer to solemnize marriages between rabbits (this should keep the pews filled).
I anticipate difficulties with funerals for mice however. How does one dig a hole six feet deep but only 3 inches by two?

Wretch

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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND TAMESIDE

Tameside Recreation Dept. in conjunction with the Libraries and Arts Assoc. are providing playschemes throughout Tameside area. Please check at the Library in your area for exact details.

ASHTON
Broadoak Comm.Centre
Layard Street.
Whiteacre Rd (Leder Park)
West End Comm.Centre
Crowhill Neighbourhood Cen.
Holden Clough.

MOSSLEY
Egmont St.
George Lawton St.

DENTON
Stockport Rd
Haughton Green

DROYLSDEN
Lees Park (not conf.)

AUDENSHAW
Shepley Wood

HYDE
Venue not yet conf.

HOLLINGWORTH

HATTERSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

STALYBRIDGE
Cheethams Park
Brushes Estate

DUKINFIELD
St.Luke's Church Hall

These Playschemes run for four weeks beginning Monday 26th July. Most open at 10am until 4 pm with a break for lunch, but there may be variations in your area - so please check

Queens Rd. Tip,
Collyhurst, Manchester.
061 226 0131
26th July - 27th Aug.
Manchester Council for Recreational Service are providing a MOTORCYCLE HANDLING SUMMER PLAYSCHEME for children.
Two qualified GMC road saftey officers will be present with volunteers to help.
Contact Mr. Whitbread on the above tel. no.

DAISY NOOK COUNTRY PARK
Sun 29th August.
9,00a.m.
Bird watching for youngsters.
An early morning walk to discover the birds of Daisy Nook. Bring binoculars if poss.
FREE
Meet at Daisy Nook car park.

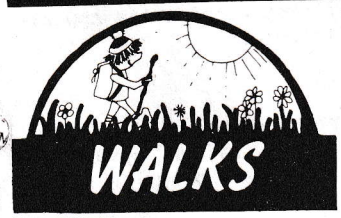
DAISY NOOK COUNTRY PARK
Wardens Office
308 3909
Sat 7th Aug.

A whole day of riding, canoeing, absailing, climbing, treasure hunt and other things incl. barbecue.

Age limit 7 -14 years.
Small charge.

Book in advance on application forms available from Wardens Office Daisy Nook.

Tameside Theatre
Oldham Road, Ashton-u-Lyne
308 3223
Tues. 3rd - Sat. 7th Aug.
'THE RUPERT BEAR MAGIC SHOW' with full-size animal characters. £1-25.
Two seats for the price of one on the Tuesday.



DAISY NOOK
Car park off Newmarket Rd.
Wed 4th Aug. 7.30pm
A short walk around the country park looking at the history of the canals and the village of waterhouses.
FREE
Organised by Medlock Valley Warden Services
308 3909

DAISY NOOK COUNTRY PARK
308 3909
Mon 30th Aug.
10.30 a.m.
Magical Mystery Tour.
An all day ramble somewhere in the Medlock Valley - about 8 - 9 miles
FREE
Bring packed lunch and suitable clothing.
Meet at car park near the Welcome Inn, Abbey Hills Rd., Holts Lane.

DENTON
Cemetry Rd., Denton.
Sat 28th Aug.
10.30 am.
A flora identification walk, arranged by the Tame Valley Warden Sevice. Come morning or afternoon or stay all day. Bring a packed lunch if staying all day.

PARK BRIDGE
The stables, Park Bridge.
330 9613
Sun 1st Aug. 2.30pm
A short guided tour of this old village studying industrial history
FREE
Meet as above
Organised by Medlock Valley Wardens Service

Broomstairs Farm,Hyde Rd., Denton.
Sat. 7th Aug.
2.30pm.
See a modern Dairy Farm from grass to milk. Tour conducted by Tame valley Wardens.
No charge.
Meet at the farm (next to the Lowes Arms).

STALYBRIDGE
Lockside Junction of the canal, Mottram Rd. and Huddersfield Rd., Stalybridge.
Sun 15th Aug.
10.30am.
An all day walk around Hobson Moor and Brushes Valley.
No Charge.
Bring packed lunch and suitable clothing.

DELPH
King St., car park.
Tel. 061 344 3306
Sun. 1st Aug.
10.30am.
A guided walk in the Upper Tame Valley.

HYDE
Gibralter Mill car park-bottom of Apethorn Lane.
Tues. 10th Aug.
7.30pm.
Aflora identification walk by Tame Valley Wardens.
No charge.

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FREE LISTING

Phone details of your events to the EYE on 061 366 0382

Other Events

Jack Glover is running a music making WEEKEND WORKSHOP aimed at people who are involved in community activities. Technical expertise not necessary.
£5 including tea/coffee and lunch both days.
Workers Film Assoc.
9 Lucy St. Manchester 15
Sat 7th Aug /Sun 8th
10am - 5pm each day
Contact Liz Mayne/Cathy Pearce, North West Arts
12 Harter St. Manchester
061 228 3062

HYDE
Broomstairs Farm car park
Hyde Rd., Denton.
061 344 3306
Thurs. 5th Aug.
7.30pm.
A close look at NEWTON HAL a medievel cruck building.
Tour by Tame Valley Warden
No charge.
Beaumont College
Lancaster.
Fri. 3rd Sept.- Sun 5th Sept.
Residential Arts Weekend.
Sponsored by North west SHAPE which arranges creative activities for disadvantaged people.
Weekend to include tuition in drama, photography, music, puppetry.
£20.25 inc. meals tuition and accomodation.

DAY TRIPS

Hattersey Community Centre
061 368 8513
Sun. 2nd. Aug.
DAY TRIP to BLACKPOOL.
By rail direct from Hattersey Station.
Tickets £2.00. Children under 5 with adult FREE.
Check with Community Centr for departure time.

Dinting Railway Centre
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Glos 5596
Open every weekend and weekdays exc.Christmas and Boxing Day.
Engine in steam every Sun From March to Oct.
Special steamings on Sun 18th July for enthusiasts
50p adults 20p children-no engines in steam.
70p adults 30p children one engine in steam
80p adults 40p children special events, bank hols and when two or more engines in steam
Family ticket £2.00

EXHIBITIONS

North Western Museum of Science and Industry
97 Grosvenor St. M/cr
061 273 6636
10am-5pm
Mini working days
I.C. Engines / Machine tools
Sat 14th Aug.
Spinning/Weaving
Mon 31st Aug
Adults 25p Children 10p.

MUSIC

THE BUTCHERS ARMS Mossley
Every Tues ev. 8pm.
Folk night with well known local and national singers.
Cost varies. Check with organisers for further details.

THE CLARENCE Stamford St. Ashton.
Every Tues. evening
Folk night with guest singers.

THE STATION, Wellington St. Ashton
Every Mon. evening 8pm
Folk night. Resident Group'The Black Edds' on alternate Mondays.
Singers welcome
Donations.

THE BRUNSWICK
Park Rd.,Dukinfeild.
061 330 1703
Every Sat. Evening
8.30pm.
National Artists, local artists, floor singers welcome.
Adm. FREE
Donations Welcome.

ROSE AND CROWN
Stalybridge
Every Fri and Sun 9pm
Folk night
Speical guest on Fri
Singers night on Sun
Donations welcome.

Tameside Theatre
Oldham Road, Ashton-u-Lyne
308 3223
Saturday 21st
Saturday 21st August
6.30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
BUCKS FIZZ
Seats £4 £3 £2.
Half price for children and O.A.P.s.

ACTION

BOLTON
Junction of Blackburn Rd., and the bottom of Halliwell Rd.,
Sun. Sept. 5th. 10.00am.
MASS COMMEMORATION TRESPASS of WINTER HILL.
Speakers and entertainment including folk singers and street theatre. A band will lead the demonstration onf it's way to Winter Hill.

For further information contact Paul Salveson
47, Clay St.,
Eagley,
Bolton,
Lancs. Tel. Bolton 591785

An ASHTON family are likely to be forcibly slit up, if KANTILAL MISTRY is deported by the Home Office. KANTILAL is appealing against this decision and you can support him by joining a picket outside the Appeals Tribunal.

PICKET: Home Office Immigration Appeals Tribunal.
Aldine House,
New Bailey St.,
Salford.

Wed. 4th Aug.1982. at 9am.
Further information contac
061 336 3359

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